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Henning Appointed to THDA Board

NASHVILLE – The Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA) has a new board member. Governor Bredesen appointed Winston Henning to represent the Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) across the State.

"I am pleased and honored that the Governor has appointed me to the THDA Board, and I am looking forward to working with THDA's staff to further its mission to be the lead State agency promoting sound and affordable housing for people who need help," said Winston Henning, Executive Director at the Jackson Housing Authority (JHA). "This appointment coincides with our mission at JHA, providing quality housing and supportive services to low-and moderate-income persons, promoting upward mobility and a better standard of living."

"Winston will be a great addition to THDA's board. The PHA board member is a critical link in the success of THDA programs," said Eddie Latimer, THDA Board Chairman. "Winston's experience managing public housing programs and insight in creating new programs will strengthen our ability to better serve families across the State."

Winston Henning has been the Executive Director of JHA since June 1989. He currently serves on several other boards and committees: the Affordable Housing Community Development Corporation Board of Directors, the Community Anti-Drug Coalition Board of Directors, the Workforce Investment Act Area 11 Youth Council Board, the Madison County School Board, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Madison County Board of Directors, the Jackson Area Chamber Board of Directors, the Tennessee Technology Center General Advisory Committee, BancorpSouth Community Advisory Committee, Chairman of the Weed & Seed Steering Committee, a member of the Jackson Rotary Club and 100 Black Men of West Tennessee. He also formerly served as President of the Tennessee Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authorities (TAHRA) Board of Directors, and as Chairman of the Northwest Tennessee Head Start Board of Directors.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Tennessee State University. Winston is a native of Madison County; he has a wife, Jennette, two adult children, and one granddaughter.

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“Mr. Henning will clearly be an asset to our board,” said Janice Myrick, Executive Director at THDA. “We are looking forward to benefiting from his public housing expertise.”

Mr. Henning will be replacing Carolyn Flagg, who is currently the Executive Director of the Brownsville Public Housing Authority. Ms. Flagg has served on THDA’s board for almost five years representing the PHAs

The Agency has a 19-member board of directors appointed from various sectors of the housing industry, with the state government being represented by the Governor's office, the Department of Finance & Administration and the Constitutional Officers: Secretary of State, State Treasurer and Comptroller of the Treasury.

THDA administers a low-interest mortgage program, along with several federally funded programs, such as Section 8 Programs, low-income housing tax credits, multifamily bond authority and federally funded grants.

In addition to our regular programs, the Agency recently implemented a Disaster Relief and Economic Recovery Mortgage program to aid residents of communities impacted by the spring tornados and floods. There are three tiers to this program, depending on household income and whether there was direct damage from the storm. Families may qualify for a 30-year fixed rate mortgage with an interest rate of 0%, 3%, or 4.65%, including down payment assistance.

For more information regarding THDA’s programs contact our Nashville office at 1-800-228-8432 (for a person who is hearing impaired, 615-532-2894). Information about our programs can also be found on our website at www.state.tn.us/thda.

Editor Notes: Background on THDA

- In 1973, the Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA) was created by the Tennessee General Assembly. The purpose: address the housing needs of low and moderate income Tennesseans.
- Since its creation, THDA has achieved a impressive track record:
 - 80,000 people have become first-time homebuyers through the single-family mortgage program
 - More than \$4.8 billion in bonds have been issued to finance mortgages
 - Over 5,400 Tennesseans have been helped with Section 8 Rental Assistance
 - 27,900 project-based Section 8 units have been administered by the agency
 - 5,811 units of affordable housing have been built or rehabilitated with the HOME Grant Program
 - 24,000+ affordable multi-family units have been constructed
- In addition, THDA has created special programs that have been nationally recognized, such as the Bicentennial Neighborhoods Initiative in the late 1990's.
- The Agency has been a financial success as well, doing a public mission without the use of state tax dollars. Through prudent financial management and investments, THDA has been and continues to be self-supporting.
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